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2 **BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**
3 **ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

4 In the matter of
5 Application No. 2002-01

6 BP WEST COAST PRODUCTS, LLC

7 BP CHERRY POINT
8 COGENERATION PROJECT

EXHIBIT 46.0 (RV-T)

9 **WHATCOM COUNTY'S PREFILED TESTIMONY**
10 **WITNESS # 46 : Rodney Vandersypen**

11 Q: Please introduce yourself to the Council.

12 A: I am Rodney Vandersypen. I am employed as an Engineering Technician with the
13 Whatcom County Public Works Engineering Division.

14 Q: What is the subject of your testimony?

15 A: I will present several traffic engineering concerns which the County has pertaining to
16 the proposed cogeneration project.

17 Q: What are those concerns?

18 A: County Engineering notes that according to the DEIS most of the impact on traffic from
19 the project will be on State Route 548 (Grandview Road). During the two-year project
20 construction period we will experience substantially more traffic (1200ADT) than when
21 the plant is in operation (140ADT). While under existing conditions and projected road
22 utilization the impact to most county roads will not be significant during the two-year
23 construction period, a new land use development has been approved that will change
the traffic flow at the intersection of Grandview Road and Vista Drive. Delta Line
Road is to be closed at Grandview Road and realigned to Vista Drive. The traffic
impacts at this intersection needs be reevaluated with the new traffic volumes and
flows. The new development is expected to add another 800 ADT to the intersection.

24 Additionally, County Engineering is concerned that improvements to Brown Road may
25 be warranted if it is to be used in significant manner in the course of the project. The
level of improvements to the road would of course be dependant upon the Applicant's

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1 anticipated level of use, so until that usage level becomes clear, the specific needs for
2 improvement cannot yet be fully determined.

3 Finally, while it appears that the transportation needs for the construction phase of the
4 project will be focused on state owned roadways, should the movement of heavy or
5 oversized equipment be undertaken on County owned and regulated roadways, the
Applicant should coordinate such needs with the appropriate County division(s) and
comply with all applicable local regulations.

6 Q: To date, have any steps been undertaken to resolve these concerns?

7 A: Yes, Engineering has been in communication with representatives of the BP refinery
8 since the application was being formulated. This working relationship continues, and
9 after the filing of our comments to the DEIS, the Applicant has renewed its efforts to
10 address the concerns expressed. We anticipate further cooperation from the Applicant
and resolution of the issues is likely.

11 END OF TESTIMONY

12 I declare under penalty of perjury that the above testimony is true and correct to the best
13 of my knowledge.

14 Executed at Bellingham, Washington, on this _____ day of November, 2003.

15 By: _____
16 Rodney Vandersypen